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In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire December 22, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: